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In the application of ) Group Art Unit 1744  
DONALD ESPIE HAY ) Confirmation No. 4764  
Serial No.: 09/686,396 ) Mark Spisich, Examiner  
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**RESPONSE and AMENDMENT PURSUANT 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action Summary mailed December 3, 2003, the Applicant, through his attorney, responds as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.